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December 4, 2017

A Historic #GivingTuesday



Gaels from around the world chose to support Saint Mary's on #GivingTuesday. A record number of alumni, parents, students, friends, faculty, and staff—506!—came together to celebrate this international day of philanthropy by raising \$125,849 in 24 hours. If you may have missed your opportunity to participate, please consider making a gift as part of our [Fall Faculty and Staff Giving Drive](#), which runs now through Dec. 15. Thank you for supporting our students!

KSOE & Mt. Diablo Schools Partner on Credentialing

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has awarded the [Mount Diablo Unified School District](#) a \$400,000 grant for district teachers to earn

their special education credentials through the Kalmanovitz School of Education. The Area Schools Special Education Teacher (ASSET) program is an expansion of a 2016 KSOE pilot special-education teacher preparation program with the district.

Forging a New Path



Provost Bethami Dobkin—who is stepping down after almost 10 years of service to the College— [reflects on her work and deep affection for the College](#). On what she's most proud of: "I'm genuinely honored to have worked with so many talented faculty, staff, and academic leaders tackling issues of student success, academic programs, affordability, and equity." Wish Provost Dobkin farewell at a transition party on Dec. 7 from 3-5 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge.

Saint Mary's Magazine on Campus

The fall issue of the *Saint Mary's* magazine arrives on campus this week. Read about 25 years of outstanding performing arts, Education Professor Kathleen Taylor's research on how the mind-body connection impacts adult learning, and how the power of stories has profoundly affected people in Roundtable. Pick up a copy today from the magazine racks at the library, Filippi Hall, and Brother Jerome West (more will arrive Wednesday).



President's Christmas Party This Friday



President Jim Donahue and his wife Jane Purinton are pleased to invite faculty and staff to celebrate the season with them at the President's Annual Christmas Party this Friday, Dec. 8, 7–10 p.m. in the Soda Center. [View the invitation and complete the RSVP form.](#)

Letting Loose in the Lounge



Delphine Lounge buzzed with energy earlier this fall as the Lounge brought the slam poetry coffee shop scene to campus, filling the Intercultural Center with spectators and students performing everything from rap to poetry to stand-up comedy. A student-run club that holds monthly events, [the Lounge offers a creative performance platform that welcomes expressions of all types.](#) In October, spoken-word artists like Savannah

Williams '18 and Simone Temple '20 (left) read from their notebooks and phones. Amanda Ramos '19 strummed a ukulele backed up by an egg shaker and a pair of castanets, and an acoustic trio covered the Black Eyed Peas' "Where Is The Love?"

Supporting Scholarship at Saint Mary's

SMC is building its national recognition for academic excellence in part by growing and diversifying sponsored research grants—which feature leading-edge research and programming—for faculty and staff. Directed by the first goal of the strategic plan, the College founded the Office of Research and received

approximately \$3 million in sponsored funds in 2016-17. [Learn more about institutional support for scholarship.](#)



Health & Wellness Center Institutes New \$10 Visit Fee

The College's Health and Wellness Center will soon institute a new fee of \$10 for visits to the campus facility. The fee, which goes into effect in January 2018, will help offset medical services costs in the urgent care facility. Students with an inability to pay will still receive health care services. For more information, visit SMC's [Health and Wellness Center](#).

View



Candlelight and roses heightened the senses at Friday night's mariachi mass, the finale to a weeklong celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Saint Mary's. With Latinos/as making up 25 percent of the SMC student body, Father Hai Ho says the events—which featured a bilingual mass, movie screening, and human rosary—[integrate faith and culture](#).

SMC in the News

- [South Korean Public Broadcasting interviews SEBA's Marco Aponte-Moreno about appointment of military general as Venezuela's new oil industry leader](#)
- [Lamorinda Patch highlights grant to increase special ed teacher credentialing through KSOE](#)
- [East Bay Times covers student-generated panel discussion on bipartisanship](#)

This Week on Campus

Announcements

- [Read the Fourth Annual Sustainability Report](#)

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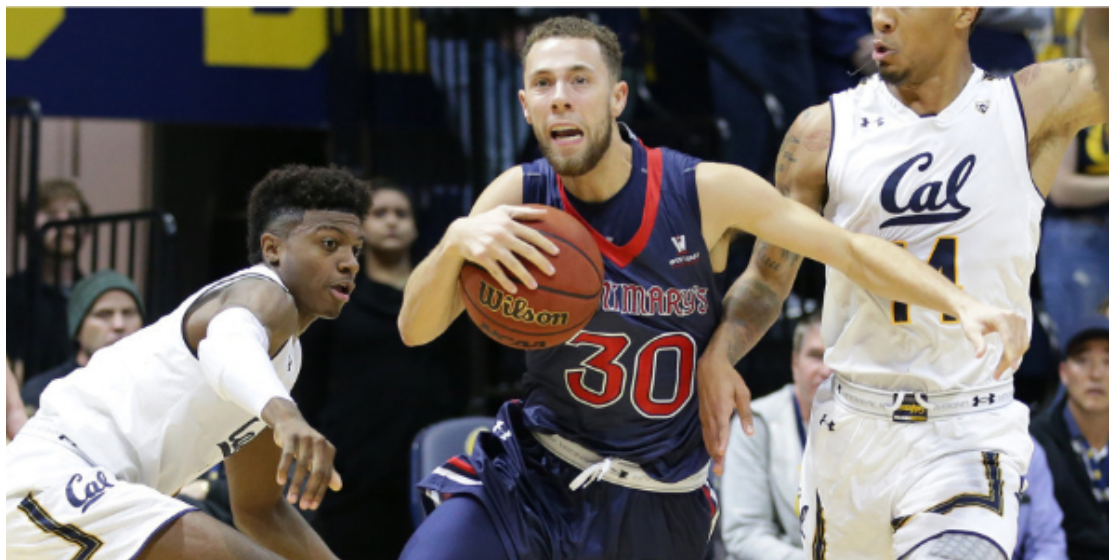
Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. [View the schedule.](#)

De La Salle Reflection

- [For the week of Dec. 4.](#)

Go Gaels



Hermanson, Ford Lead Gaels over Cal

In front of a large Saint Mary's traveling fan base, the Gaels (6-2) bounced back from consecutive losses to [take down their East Bay rival Cal](#) 74-63 at Haas Pavilion on Saturday night.

Don't miss the Gaels in action against Seattle University on Saturday at 5 p.m. at McKeon Pavilion for Lamorinda night, which will honor local officials like the

Moraga mayor and Orinda police chief during the game.

Did You Know?

Racking up overdue library fines? [Pay them with perishable food!](#) Bring your donated items like granola bars and oatmeal to the Library now through Dec. 15 and support Gael Pantry. Each item is worth \$2.

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News](#).

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.

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